

A regular meeting of the Cultural Heritage Commission convened at 8:35 A.M.

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS: Julie Bartolotto
Laura Brasser
Kay Cofield
Kevin Doherty
Doris Felix
Karen Highberger
Ana Maria McGuan
Geoff McIntosh
Kerrie Weaver
William Wynne
Kevin Motschall, Vice Chair
Layne Johnson, Chair

EX OFFICIO: Stanley E. Poe

ABSENT: " : Mike Burrous
Dan Pressburg
Laurence Watt

ALSO PRESENT: Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic
Preservation Officer
Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager
Nancy Muth, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Johnson presiding.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Burrous entered.

Commissioner Brasser moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the minutes of the meeting held December 15, 2004, be approved as amended. Carried by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC

There was no public participation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, announced that Agenda Item 4.A. would not be discussed due to the unavailability of Michael Mais, Assistant City Attorney.

Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction, 438 N. Crystal Court

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Doherty, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction at 438 N. Crystal Court be laid on the table and moved to item 4. E. on the agenda, or until applicant was present. Carried by unanimous vote.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 3543 Cerritos Avenue

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Kenneth Campbell, 3543 Cerritos Avenue, discussed the proposed project and responded to questions.

Commissioner Pressburg entered.

Commissioner Weaver moved, seconded by Commissioner McIntosh, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3543 Cerritos Avenue be laid over and the applicant allowed to return with revised plans reflecting a detached garage. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Brasser,Burrous,Doherty, Highberger,Pressburg, Weaver,Wynne,Johnson.
NOES:	"	: Cofield,Felix,McGuan, McIntosh,Motschall.
ABSENT:	"	: Watt.
ABSTAINED:	"	: Bartolotto.

Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction, 438 N. Crystal Court

At this time, it was unanimously agreed to take the Certificate of Appropriateness for 438 N. Crystal Court off the table.

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Gantcho Batchkarov, architect, discussed the proposed project and the meeting with the neighborhood association; and responded to questions.

Commissioner Brasser read an excerpt from an article entitled "What's New for Willmore City?" from *The Willmore City Enterprise*, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Carol McCafferty, Willmore City Heritage Association Boardmember, noted that the Board was in favor of the project as currently presented and that the general membership was being consulted.

Commissioner McIntosh moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for new construction at 438 N. Crystal Court be approved as submitted, based on Secretary of Interior Standards 3, 9 and 10, and compliance with the Drake Park/Willmore City Historic District Ordinance C-7538, as it applied to new construction considering bulk, massing, scale and size. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Brasser, Burrous, Cofield, Felix, Highberger, McIntosh, McGuan, Pressburg, Weaver, Wynne, Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Doherty, Johnson.
ABSENT:	"	: Watt.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 359 Freeman Avenue

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Jim Kehr, Katzmaier Newell Kehr Architecture, 2728 Coast Highway East, Corona Del Mar, spoke regarding the proposed project and responded to questions.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations reflected on the January 19, 2005 submittal for 359 Freeman Avenue be approved as submitted, based on Secretary of Interior Standards 9 and 10; the existing front porch overhang, porch, stairs, carport, two side porches and rear service porch determined not historically significant by the Commission and approved for removal; and the street tree variety determined by the Public Works Department. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Brasser, Burrous, Cofield, Doherty, Felix, Highberger, McIntosh, McGuan, Pressburg, Weaver, Motschall, Johnson.
NOES:	"	: Wynne.
ABSENT:	"	: Watt.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 2810 E. First Street

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Mohammad Movahedi, 2810 E. First Street, discussed the proposed project, and responded to questions regarding the front façade and fenestration.

Mr. H. Naraghi, Naraghi and Associates Architects, 8500 Wilshire Boulevard, No. 820, Beverly Hills, spoke regarding the proposed project; and responded to questions regarding windows, and to Ex Officio Commissioner Poe's statements regarding the property history and the importance of preserving the front façade.

A discussion ensued regarding the extensive alterations to the property.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 2810 E. First Street be denied as submitted, based on Secretary of Interior Standards 2, 3, 5 and 9.

John Romansted, 2827 E. First Street, spoke in opposition to the proposed project and in favor of enforcing the Secretary of Interior Standards for preservation and restoration.

Commissioner Burrous read an excerpt from Additional Guidelines to the Basic Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation regarding entrances and porches.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto, Brasser, Burrous, Cofield, Doherty, Felix, Highberger, McIntosh, McGuan, Pressburg, Weaver, Motschall, Johnson.
NOES:	"	: Wynne.
ABSENT:	"	: Watt.

Commissioner McIntosh retired.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 3625 Walnut Avenue

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Cary Gomez, 9131 Baysinger Street, Downey, and Yvonne Valencia, 15275 Saranac Drive, Whittier, joint owners, spoke regarding the project design revisions, and responded to questions concerning the bathroom window and the garage.

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Commissioner Doherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3625 Walnut Avenue be approved as submitted, with the stipulation that the applicants redesigned the garage to a single car tandem style, redesigned the north elevation bathroom window in the spirit of the existing windows, and returned the new designs to staff for approval. Carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Bartolotto,Brasser,Burrous, Cofield,Doherty,Felix, Highberger,Pressburg,Weaver, Motschall,Johnson.
NOES:	"	: None.
ABSENT:	"	: McIntosh,Watt.
ABSTAINED:	"	: McGuan,Wynne.

Kevin Motschall recused himself and retired.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 2828 E. First Street

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Keith Hansel, KCM Architects, 314 Redondo Avenue, and Elbert and Helena Segelhorst, owners, 2828 E. First Street, spoke regarding the proposed project and responded to questions.

Commissioner Doherty moved that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 2828 E. First Street be laid over to the February Commission meeting to allow review of new plans.

The motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 2828 E. First Street be laid over to the February Commission meeting: and the architect requested to meet with staff prior to the February meeting. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Motschall entered.

Nomination for Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association Board

Commissioner Pressburg moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, that the Commission recommend Commissioner Wynne to the City Council for appointment as a Cultural Heritage Commission representative to the Long Beach Navy Memorial Heritage Association Board. Carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Designation of an Historic District, Sixth Street/Cherry Avenue

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Kay Dermer, 2412 E. First Street, Co-Chair of the Sixth Street/Cherry Avenue Improvement Committee of the Hellman Area Neighborhood Association spoke regarding the proposed study of the Sixth Street and Cherry Avenue neighborhood for possible expansion of the Rose Park South Historic District, and distributed an "Assessor Map of Proposed District," a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Commissioner Doherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the Commission support the proposed survey of the Sixth Street and Cherry Avenue neighborhood for possible inclusion in the Rose Park South Historic District. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bartolotto recused herself and retired.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Signage, 3000 E. Third Street

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report and distributed a Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association letter and an e-mail from Albert Parks of Sign-A-Rama, copies of which were received and made a part of the permanent record.

Pator Latif Marcos, 3000 E. Third Street, spoke regarding the signage and responded to questions.

Commissioner Cofield retired.

Christine Votava, 2846 E. Vista Street, representing the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association, spoke regarding the illumination and elevation of the signage, and expressed the Association's willingness to work with the church to resolve the issue to mutual satisfaction.

Commissioner Doherty moved, seconded by Commissioner Burrous, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for the signage at 3000 E. Third Street be approved as submitted, with the stipulation that the sign not be illuminated.

As a substitute motion, Commissioner Motschall moved, seconded by Commissioner Brasser, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for the signage at 3000 E. Third Street be laid over to the February Commission meeting and the applicant encouraged to meet with the Bluff Heights Neighborhood Association and return with a compromise solution. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bartolotto entered.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 3753 Gardenia Avenue

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Tom Wilson, 1057 E. Ridgewood Street, architect, spoke regarding the proposed project and responded to questions.

Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager, responded to questions regarding the zoning ordinance as it pertained to the front driveway access and legal parking requirements.

Commissioner Wynne moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for the additions and alterations at 3753 Gardenia Avenue be laid over to the February Commission meeting, with the applicant to consider a redesign as discussed. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bartolotto recused herself and retired.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Additions/Alterations, 3003 E. Vista Street

Chair Johnson advised that he was requested to address the January 20, 2005 Planning Commission meeting regarding the appeal for the project denied at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Temple Avenue; spoke regarding a problem with another Ocean Boulevard project and suggested closer attention be given to reviewing projects and crafting motions; and retired from the Chair.

Chair Pro Tempore Motschall assumed the Chair.

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, presented the staff report, a copy of which was received and made a part of the permanent record.

Roger Peter Porter, 3837 E. 7th Street, architect, discussed the proposed project and responded to questions.

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Certificate of Appropriateness for additions and alterations at 3003 E. Vista Street be approved as submitted, with the stipulations that the garage units had wood windows and doors and 6"x6" minimum vertical posts installed, and the fence and gate detail returned to staff.

Christine Votava, 2846 E. Vista Street, expressed concerns regarding parking.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	COMMISSIONERS:	Burrous,Doherty,Felix, Highberger,McGuan,Pressburg, Weaver,Wynne,Motschall.
NOES:	"	: Brasser.
ABSENT:	"	: Bartolotto,Cofield,McIntosh, Watt,Johnson.

Consideration of Support for National Register Nomination, 655 Cedar Avenue

Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the Commission support the nomination of the Second Church of Christ Scientist at 655 Cedar Avenue to the National Register of Historic Places. Carried by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bartolotto entered.

Staff Report

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, discussed the appeal to the Planning Commission for the project denied at Ocean Boulevard and Temple Avenue; spoke regarding complaints from applicants; and reminded Commissioners of the need, as City of Long Beach representatives, to be respectful of applicants.

Greg Carpenter, Planning Bureau Manager, spoke regarding scheduling a meeting to discuss organizational issues, the importance of the Cultural Heritage Commission, how to function as a commission, and a variety of operational concerns; announced the hiring of an additional person in historic preservation; and mentioned the City Council requested review of the oak tree and historic tree issue.

Commissioner Bartolotto advised that there were errors in the Registration Form for the Second Church of Christ Scientist National Register Nomination; and inquired regarding the status of and the Commission's purview over the new building with the Looff Roof?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner McGuan spoke in favor of reviewing the Commission Ordinance, downsizing of the Commission, and upgrading the qualifications for Commissioners.

Cindy Thomack, Neighborhood and Historic Preservation Officer, advised that resumes and qualifications forms would be requested from each of the Commissioners for the annual report.

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Commissioner Wynne spoke in favor of having meetings twice a month and changing the meeting time to afternoon.

Commissioner Brasser inquired whether everything that the Commission reviewed was valuable enough to maintain?

Commissioners Felix expressed appreciation that the packets were received earlier and suggested meeting twice a month.

Chair Pro Tempore Motschall advised that the Commissioners were invited to the "American Cities at a Cultural Crossroad," which was co-sponsored by the Board of Directors for the Public Corporation for the Arts and the law firm of Keesel, Young and Logan.

Ex Officio Commissioner Poe announced the Long Beach Heritage Annual Banquet in February, which would honor Commissioner Burrous as the Preservationist of the Year; and indicated that he was called at home, which he thought might have resulted from comments in recent newspaper articles, in an attempt to influence his vote on a project – though he noted that he was not a voting member.

Commissioner Burrous questioned whether there was any information available regarding his December 15, 2004 inquiries concerning the fence at the Iverson property and a microwave tower on the Lafayette building; and suggested retaining fifteen members on the Commission.

Commissioner Pressburg spoke regarding the landmark status of the Atlantic Avenue Theatre project.

Commissioner Bartolotto suggested sending a letter to the Long Beach *Press-Telegram* to clarify that City of Long Beach staff was the appropriate contact regarding historic preservation and historic district inquiries; and commented on the immensity of a project to catalogue historic objects.

Commissioner Highberger expressed concern regarding the effectiveness of the Commission on controversial projects in the light of recent newspaper articles and appeals to the Planning Commission.

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Commissioner Weaver commented regarding the need for more consistency in the project submittal information and the need for a dedicated inspector for historic district projects, which might strengthen violation notices.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:20 P.M., Commissioner Burrous moved, seconded by Commissioner Pressburg, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried by unanimous vote.